CHAPTER 608

(Senate Bill 732)

AN ACT concerning

Dentists, Physicians, and Podiatrists - Dispensing of Prescription Drugs

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law relating to the dispensing of prescription drugs by physicians, and podiatrists; requiring certain dentists, physicians, and podiatrists to allow the Division of Control to enter and inspect their offices at certain times; requiring certain dentists, physicians, and podiatrists to provide certain patients with a written prescription under certain circumstances and maintain certain prohibiting certain dentists, physicians, and podiatrists from directing patients to a single pharmacy and receiving remuneration for referring patients to a pharmacy; authorizing certain Boards to take certain disciplinary certain circumstances; altering certain actions under provisions of law relating to the dispensing of starter dosages of dosages of prescription drugs; <u>altering a certain</u> definition; repealing an exception to certain labeling requirements for starter dosages of medication dispensed by an authorized prescriber; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the dispensing of prescription drugs by certain dentists, physicians, and podiatrists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations Section 4-314(a)(24) and (25), 12-102, 12-510(e), 14-504(a)(27) and (28), and 15-311(a)(21) and (22) Annotated Code of Maryland (1986 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations Section 4-314(a)(26), 14-504(a)(29), and 15-311(a)(23) Annotated Code of Maryland (1986 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

4 - 314.